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LUNCHEON

Friday, June 11, Toots Shor's, 51 West 51st Street

Cocktails at noon-----Luncheon at 12:30 P.M. SHARP

Members: \$2.75 ----- Guests \$3.25, tip and tax included

(NOTE: The day is Friday)

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REPORT FROM BELGRADE

Jack Raymond, New York Times correspondent in Belgrade for the past 18 months, will address a luncheon meeting of the Club on Friday, June 11. PAT LOCHRIDGE HARTWELL, chairman of the Program Committee announced this week.

Raymond's talk will follow closely Marshal Tito's visit to Athens to discuss the proposed Yugoslav-Turkish-Greek military alliance. Raymond has a fund of knowledge of the part of the world inhabited by what some correspondents have called "our housebroken Communists, and part of the world which is all too often relegated to the inside pages or the spike. (continued on page two)

EUROPE BOUND?

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Raymond has been with the Times since 1945, after service as a Stars and Stripes correspondent in the European Theatre during the war, and has been assigned to Berlin, Bonn, Frankfurt, and, since December, 1952, to Belgrade. He is currently on home leave and returns to his post in Belgrade in August.

PAT HARTWELL asks that all members make reservations early, and also that they take note of the switch in the day of the week for next week's luncheon. It's on Friday, NOT Thursday, as it generally has been in the past.

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* HERE AND THERE *

RICHARD JOSEPH, travel editor of Esquire, is practically commuting to the Bahamas these days. Two weeks after he returned from doing a travel piece there, he was sent back to Andros Town to cover the Bermuda-Bahamas fishing tourney... JOHN GOETTE reports from Sydney, Australia, that he and two fellow-members of the club, DICK TREGASKIS and BEACH CONGER, were guests recently of the Sydney Press Club. These wandering members flew to Australia on the flight opening the Qantas service Super Constellations to the land Down Under. SVEN-ERIK BERGH post-cards: "Leaving June 5th on M.S. Kungsholm to supervise publishing activities of my Swedish publishing firm ("The High and the Mighty," "A Kiss Before Dying", etc.). Glad to welcome members in Sweden, c/o American Club, Grand Hotel, Stockholm. Pleasant summer!" ...VIRGINIA PREWETT MIZELLE, who has just been elected to the National Council of the Society of Women Geographers, has just returned to New York from Washington. VIRGINIA has also recently been elected to fellowship in the American Geographical Society.

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MEMORIAL FUND PUSHES CLOSER TO \$50,000-NEEDED MARK

William H. Zeckendorf Jr. and Webb and Knapp, Inc., sent BILL GRAY a check this week for \$500 "especially memory of Bob Capa" to push the Memorial Building Fund closer and closer to the point where only \$50,000 more is needed to hit the \$300,000 target.

In addition, MADELINE ROSS sent a check for \$15 "in memory of ANNE O'HARE McCORMICK, a great lady I was privileged to meet."

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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ACTIVE:

John Lardner, contributing editor, Newsweek; reporter New York Herald Tribune, 1931 to 1933; columnist, NANA, 1933 to 1948; columnist, Newsweek 1939...; war correspondent, Newsweek, The New Yorker, Collier's, and NANA: Southwest Pacific, January to June 1942; North Africa January to June 1953; Sicily, Italy, August 1943 to May 1944; Pacific (Marianas, Iwo Jima, Okinawa) January to June 1945. Proposed by WILL OURSLER; seconded by CHARLES ROBBINS.

Amador A. Marin, U.S. representative, Argentine Press Association; 10 years, night foreign editor (Latin American Desk) with INS; one year with Associated Press; four years with U.S. Office of War Information as special events Spanish foreign editor. Proposed by ERIC FRIEDHEIM; seconded by JOSEPH WILLICOMBE, JR.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS MOURN TRIO OF GREATS

Here and abroad, present and former foreign correspondents paid tribute this week to three of their colleagues who died in scattered parts of the world within a few days of each other -- ANNE O'HARE McCORMICK of The New York Times, and Robert Capa and Werner Bischof of Magnum.

Mrs. MC CORMICK, who died last Saturday in New York, was buried Tuesday in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Mount Pleasant, N.Y., after a requiem Mass in St. Jean Baptiste Roman Catholic Church in New York City. Among the club members attending the funeral were HELEN ROGERS REID, chairman of the board of the New York Herald Tribune, ARTHUR HAYS SULZBERGER, TURNER CATLEDGE, and EMANUEL FREEDMAN, publisher, managing editor and foreign editor respectively of the Times.

Among the tributes to Mrs. MC CORMICK came from Robert Murphy, Acting Secretary of State; D. Jan H. Van Roijen, Netherlands Ambassador to the U.S.; and Abba Eban, Israeli Ambassador to the U.S.

On Sunday, June 6, in Purchase, N.Y., a memorial service for Capa, killed last week in Indo-China, was held in the Friends' Meeting House. Many friends of both Capa and Bischof attended.

Bischof, who was one of the member-photographers of Magnum, was killed in Peru when a pickup truck in which he was riding plunged 1,500 feet into a canyon. Only a few days she received the news of her husband's death. Mrs. Bischof, who lives in Geneva, gave birth to a son.

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OVERSEAS TICKER...

PARIS DATELINE- (Special To The Bulletin)-

With the spotlight on the Geneva Conference there has been a mass exodus of American correspondents from Paris, some of them virtually commuting between France and Switzerland. But since the conference has its dull moments, and Paris is only 320 miles apart from Geneva, the distance can be easily covered for the weekend. Hence, there's an apparent "flight to the west"....

Paris, on the other hand, is everything but dull. Cabinet crises (coming close to two votes), dozens of conventions, conferences of international organizations and start of the tourist season keep reporters on the go. As the press officer at the Quai d'Orsay remarked when the life of the Laniel government hung on a thread: "Compared with the Paris newsfront - the situation in Indochina is comparatively quiet..."

Maximum turnout at a luncheon of the Anglo-American Press Association in the elegant Pavillon des Champs Elysees in honor of French President Coty, welcomed by Virginia Vernon, its president. Next to M. Coty, U.S. Ambassador Dillon. Also on the dais: ERIC HAWKINS and PAUL ARCHINARD, vice-presidents. Among OPCers: PAUL GHALI, EUGENE ENGLISH and your correspondent, recovering from a recent illness...

Elias M. McQuaid, who was press attache in the Ave. Gabriel three years ago, returned to the fold as MSA information chief in the Palais Talleyrand, replacing Sidney Fine...

EDWARD M. KORRY, UP manager for France, father of a baby boy... ILMA VIOLA back, resuming her Grapevine as well as MCing a TV show with Jean Mason and interviewing VIPS for same. Visiting firemen should contact her... The foreign press corps mourns the death of Eric Gibbs, chief of Time-Life Paris office, who died unexpectedly while covering the Geneva Conference. He came from Bonn to Paris in 1952... Cpt. DICK HENSCHER of SHAPE photo section, covering with camera crew opening of new Allied staff command HQ in Naples, ran into ED HILL, executive editor of the Rome Daily American. The two hadn't met in 15 years when ED was sports editor of and Dick a space writer for the Asbury (N.J.) Park Press...

AND FINALLY - Best news anecdote out of Geneva: An American reporter approaches a group of three Vietnam delegates. He asks the first: "Do you speak English?" The delegate says "No." He asks the second: "Parlez-vous Francais?" The delegate says "Non." Before he has a chance to ask the third delegate, the Vietnamese says: "Wir sprechen auch nicht Deutsch."

(From CURT L. HEYMANN)

OPCRs OFF TO EUROPE FOR D-DAY CELEBRATIONS

A dozen Overseas Press Club members headed this week for a two-week flying trip to Europe and ceremonies in connection with the tenth anniversary of the Normandy landings. Part of a group of 41 correspondents who covered the invasion, they will attend British and American ceremonies at Omaha and Utah Beaches, and visit London, Berlin, Frankfurt, Bonn and Paris.

--- In Paris, the group will be briefed by Lord Ismay at NATO headquarters, General Larry Norstadt at SHAPE, and in Germany by High Commissioner James B. Conant. They will also be received by West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, and French dignitaries during the trip.

Among the club members on the trip are: LOUIS AZREAL of the Baltimore News-Post, HAL BOYLE of the Associated Press, W.W. CHAPLIN of NBC T-V, FRANK CONNIFF of the Hearst Newspapers, and WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST JR. Also on the junket are JOHN LIEB of Producer's Film Studios. IVAN PETERMAN of the Philadelphia Inquirer, ANDREW ROONEY of the Arthur Godfrey Show at CBS, CORNELIUS RYAN of Colliers, JOSEPH WILLICOMBE JR. of INS, and JOHN HALL THOMPSON of the Chicago Tribune.

The trip was organized by Pan-American.

GENE FARMER, Foreign News Editor of Life, said of the two photographers: "With the death of Bob Capa, we have lost one of the greatest journalists of our generation. He comes out of all the shootings as THE war correspondent. He had great guts and a knack of getting places. Bischof was a great photographer in his own way with a very sensitive and perceptive eye. The death of both men is a terrible loss to picture journalism."

Magnum executive editor John Morris had this to say: "Anyone who has told stories about Bob Capa--and that includes a great many of us--will appreciate how difficult it is to talk about him at this time. I only wish I could convey to all the members of the Overseas Press Club the warm feeling in Bob's voice when he spoke to me from Tokyo on May 1, just before he left for Hanoi. I called him, quite frankly, to plead with him to 'sit on your butt when you get there.' He replied: 'Don't worry, I very much want to go and I am going right now. Give everyone my love.'

"And those were his last spoken words to the U. S.

"There is a tragic postscript to the Capa story in Bischof's death. We had received word only the day before in New York of Werner's fatal accident. He was a very close friend of Bob Capa's."

OPC Past President JOHN DALY told the Bulletin: "Our fraternity has lost more than great craftsman in Bob Capa's death. It has lost a generous spirit and that rare kind of courage which can find laughter amid the gloomiest of prospects." DALY had worked with CAPA in Sicily during world war two.

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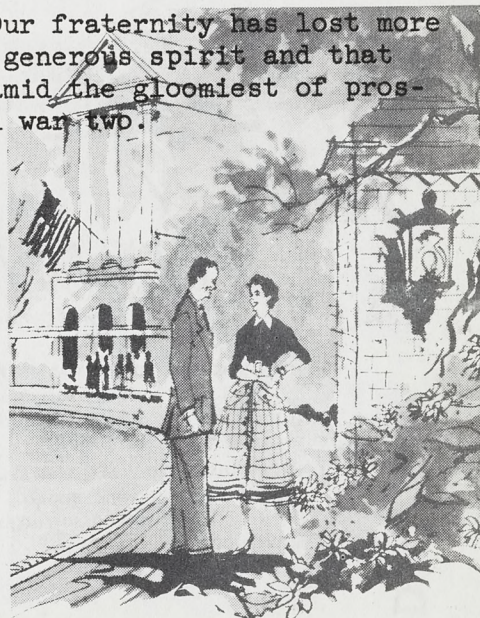
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A NUMBER of Club members attended the annual dinner of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey at Shor's on May 27th. Among them were ED WERGELES, chief photographer for Newsweek, who has just completed a three-week swing around the Southwest and Midwest; JIM WINCHESTER, who reports he has "15 or 20 magazine pieces this month"; HANK CASSIDY of NBC; NORMAN STABLER of the New York Herald Tribune; WALTER CRONKITE of CBS; EMANUEL FREEDMAN of the Times; HARRY MURKLAND of Newsweek; BOB MOORA of the Herald Tribune; BILL WEINSTEIN of NBC; and DICK WILCOX of the Standard Oil Co. of N.J.

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